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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROSECUTION
ART UNIT 1647**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Kenji Fukudome and Charles T. Esmon

Serial No.: 09/378,261

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Filed: August 20, 1999

Examiner: Stephen Gucker

For: *CLONING AND REGULATION OF AN ENDOTHELIAL CELL
PROTEIN C/ACTIVATED PROTEIN C RECEPTOR*

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Advisory Action mailed on February 11, 2003, please amend the application as follows. It is believed that no fee is required with this submission. However, should an additional fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1868.

In the Claims

24. [The] A method [of claim 16] for enhancing an inflammatory response involving blocking of protein C or activated protein C binding to an endothelial cell protein C/activated protein C receptor comprising administering to a patient in need of treatment thereof an amount of [wherein the compound is] an antibody or antibody fragment immunoreactive with the